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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 44

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

NANCY E. RODRIGUEZ

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO COOPERATE WITH THE NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF IN A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF INSTITUTING AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR GRADES SEVEN THROUGH TWELVE.

WHEREAS, the public schools are obligated to provide education to any citizen and to make education accessible to all; and

WHEREAS, communication handicaps such as deafness are severe constraints on educational access and equal opportunity; and

WHEREAS, courses are offered in foreign languages by the public schools; and

WHEREAS, American sign language is readily learned and offers hearing-impaired people the opportunity to be more fully

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1 integrated into the society of others;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state department of public
4 education be requested to cooperate with the New Mexico school
5 for the deaf in conducting a study of the feasibility of
6 establishing instructional courses in American sign language
7 throughout the state's public schools in grades seven through
8 twelve; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state department of public
10 education report its findings and recommendations to the
11 legislative education study committee by December 1, 1997; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the superintendent of public instruction, the
14 president of the New Mexico school for the deaf and to the
15 director of the legislative education study committee.

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5 March 11, 1997
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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS.
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16 Respectfully submitted,
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21 Cynthia Nava, Chairman
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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

No: 0

Excused: Duran, Garcia, Gorham

Absent: None

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 21, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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**has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.**

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel F. Vigil, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

Yes: 9

Excused: Nicely, Trujillo, S.M Williams, W.C. Williams

Absent: None

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